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I talked to Jim Conant this morning. I had done what I could yesterday to help in the problem facing the Allied High Commission in Germany. The French have now engaged in what appears to be an outright blackmailing operation. They will accept Jim Conant's proposed text provided the U.S. and U.K. agree to having Adenauer sign the EDC Protocols under a delegation of authority by President Heuss. This is highly undesirable and is contrary to the understanding which we have been told had been arrived at by the French and the Germans.

John Hughes and I met Doug Dillon in his office this morning and will do so at least once a week thereafter to go over matters of mutual interest. I discussed the Conant situation with them.

I had lunch with Guy Mollet and sent off this afternoon this telegram:

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